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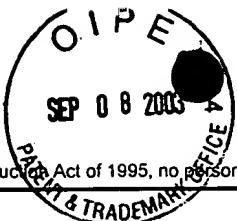
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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

<i>Application Number</i>	09/885,023
<i>Filing Date</i>	June 21, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	KIMATA
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2855
<i>Examiner Name</i>	M. Cygan
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2635-22

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

<b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>		09/09/2003 RDA:TE1 00000096 09005023
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<p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Figures 8 and 12</u></p>		09/09/2003 RDA:TE1 00000096 09005023 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, please amend the  
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